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In re Application of: Richard C. Auchterlonie

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For: Pulsed Power System Including a Plasma

Opening Switch

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior to computation of the claims fees for entry into the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 371, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.